

Conclusion

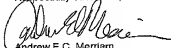
Remarks are presented in the Response filed on December 15, 2003 via Certificate of Mailing.

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that the instant claims are currently in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

No fees are believed owing. If any fees are found owing, please charge Applicants' deposit account no. 18-1850.

If for any reason the Examiner has questions or concerns, he is urged to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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